



City of Freeport

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2021, 5:00 PM

Council Chambers, Freeport City Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilman Mark Martin, Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner

Staff Members Present: City Manager Charlie Simmons, City Clerk Malani Robinson, City Attorney Clay Adkinson, Finance Officer Sara Bowers, Parks Director Travis Digges

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Barley in the Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

2. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Engineer Rouchaleau opened the meeting by presenting Council a drafted project list that would be used in the Needs Plan for the City of Freeport, to be adopted in the Walton County Mobility Plan. Engineer Rouchaleau based on his professional opinion presented the top seven projects for the City of Freeport alongside a summary review with cost estimates of each recommendation.

The following recommendations:

1. Marquis Way West Connector Road
2. Marquis Way East Connector Road
3. 83A East Intersection Improvements
4. Blueridge Parkway and SR-20 Intersection Improvements
5. SR-20 and U.S 331 Intersection Improvements
6. Water Tower Road Connector Road
7. Four Mile Road Improvements

City Manager Simmons informed the Council that he and staff members had been in lengthy conversation with the County Commissioners to discuss the problem areas in the City. Councilmembers thanked Engineer Rouchaleau for his preparation of the list. Planning Director Hughes-Neel informed the Council that the Needs Plan would go hand in hand with the CIP, affording them the opportunity to go after additional funding. Planning Director Hughes-Neel noted that the list would ultimately be apart of a master plan for the City.

City Manager Simmons discussed the traffic issues over the weekend, noting that he spoke to a Mr. Duncan who approved property use for temporary traffic signage. Councilmembers briefly discussed possible signage language. Councilman Martin suggested the City acquire deputy reinforcement to monitor neighborhood street usage. City Manager Simmons notified Council that the County had received the traffic control signal box and was awaiting DOT installation.

4. **Adjournment**

Mayor Barley motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk